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VILLISTAS, ATTACKING MOTOR TRAIN, DRIVEN OFF AFTER SHARP SKIRMISH

SUSPECTED WOLTER IN AMES CASE

Revelations That Police Shadowed Chicagoan After Death of Cora Mashew's First Husband Made—Detectives Watched House More Than a Week.

Wolter in Daily Fear of Officers—Deplored "Constant Association" of Tuttle With His Wife—Claimed to Have Made Settlement of \$1,000—Quarrel on Funeral.

Revelations that Louis H. Wolter, who shot and crippled his wife Tuesday evening, and then fatally wounded her, was under suspicion of having contributed to the death of Frank Ames, his wife's first husband, were made today.

It was learned that detectives from police headquarters shadowed Wolter for several weeks after the death of Ames, and even lived in the same apartments with him for a week to get evidence to confirm their suspicions.

Wolter was with Ames on the night Ames died by gas poisoning. Thereafter, he was in constant fear of the police. He married Ames' wife soon after the tragedy.

William Walters, a cigarmaker, who was the bosom companion of Wolter, told his story to The Farmer today.

He related the history of the infatuation of Wolter for Mrs. Ames soon after he learned that Mrs. Ames had come from the West, where Wolter himself was residing.

Wolter, according to his friend, frequently made utter mention of the "constant association" of Attorney Dwight W. Tuttle with Mrs. Wolter. He once displayed \$500, which, he said, was part of a \$1,000 settlement made by Mr. Tuttle when he was charged with alienating Mrs. Wolter's affections.

Investigation begun by police officials disclosed today that Wolter had been taken three times to police headquarters on complaint of his wife, who feared violence.

Disposal of Wolter's body has not been settled. His people in Chicago are averse to paying his expenses and Mrs. Wolter doesn't want to pay the cost of shipping the body to Chicago.

Wolter was born in the West, somewhere in Oklahoma, I think, and his attraction for Mrs. Wolter, which began when he was a boarder in the Ames home on Courtland street, was partly on that account according to what he told me.

"It has been said that Mrs. Ames was born near Hartford. This I think is a mistake for on several occasions Wolter told me that she was a girl of the range," having been raised on the plains of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, somewhere near Holdenville, Oklahoma, I think.

"I first met Wolter in New Haven about nine years ago. Wolter and I became friends. He was one of the fastest and best cigarmakers in the country. His work was both swift and perfect, though he had a roving disposition similar to that of many cigarmakers, wherever he had worked before, there he could at once take off his coat and go to work again without preliminary formalities.

"He lived for a long time in rooms adjoining mine at the Yorkshire House. His disposition was jovial and we went about town together. Finally Wolter conceived the idea of having light housekeeping apartments. He found the place he wanted at the lodgings of Frank and Mrs. Ames.

"As he often expressed it to me, he found in Mrs. Ames a companion of (Continued on Page 2.)

Arrest Man Accused Of Stealing Barracks Flag of Remington Co.

Frank Vaughn, alleged to have stolen the United States flag from the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. barracks, was arrested this afternoon in New York. The flag is worth \$10 and is said to have been stolen long ago. Vaughn is said to have been a guard at the Arms plant.

MILLS GRANT INCREASE
Providence, April 14.—The Wanaque Co. and the Coronet Worsted Co. the largest independent woolen mills in this state today announced a wage advance of 10 per cent.

THE WEATHER

Rain this afternoon and tonight; Saturday fair. Strong shifting winds becoming west and increasing to gale force.

STRIKERS TAKE UP SCHEDULE OF THEIR DEMANDS

Committee of Graphophone Pressmen Waits Upon Factory Official

P. J. DUFFY HERE TO DIRECT STRIKERS

Plant Is Hiring Men to Supplant Their Dissatisfied Employees

Under the direction of Patrick J. Duffy, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, the striking pressmen and helpers of the American Graphophone Co., prepared a schedule of grievances today to be submitted to the official of the plant. An effort is being made this afternoon to meet Manager J. P. Hansen or Assistant Manager Thomas Stevenson.

The eight hour day, time and one-half for overtime, abolition of the bonus system as now in vogue, reinstatement of the men who have been discharged for union activities and recognition of a shop committee will be asked. The strikers joined the union this morning.

Organizer Duffy heard the complaints of the men this morning. Later he said:

"The grievances of these men seem to be just. They were promised the eight hour day, they say after the strike of last summer, and two weeks afterward it was taken away from the night men. They had to work 11 hours and one-half, they declare, and they got no overtime. They were promised a bonus system, the only evidence of which has been \$0 and sometimes 40 cents in some of the envelopes at the end of the week. This didn't compensate them for an hour of the overtime work they did."

"The reports concerning the manner in which work is going on in the factory are erroneous. I have accurate information that three experienced pressmen are on the job, and they are trying to 'break in' 40 helpers."

"About 400 men were at the meeting this morning in Rakocsy hall. They appointed a committee. The schedule of grievances will be put before a meeting this afternoon for ratification and then the committee will seek an interview with some official of the plant."

"The men will report back to the meeting, after which we will know what action is to be taken."

At the factory today it was said that the state will be hired to take the places of the strikers.

NEW RAPID FIRE GUN COMING TO LOCAL MILITIA

Will Be Used In Practice On Rifle Range In Trumbull Next Week

A new .30 Colt automatic or a Benet-Mercier rapid-fire gun, capable of firing 500 shots a minute, will be in the possession of the Third division, Naval militia, C. N. G. when they march to the state rifle range at Trumbull, April 21, for annual target practice.

It is expected that on this occasion fully 2,000 rounds of ammunition will be furnished for the new gun and that it will be tried out for an effective mark by the detail in charge.

Orders No. 2, issued April 19, by Lieut. A. J. Merritt, commanding the division have been issued for the rifle range practice next Friday. Members will report at the state armory at 7:30 and will be transported with full equipment to the range where this season's qualifications at various distances and in the different positions will be scored. It is believed that the state will give medals to members qualifying on the range. Increased pay accorded under the new regulations will stimulate the organization to good work.

Last year 12 marksmen were qualified which means that they were compelled to make 200 bulls-eyes out of 300 shots or 70 out of 75 shots. But 30 seconds are permitted this year for firing five shots standing, kneeling, squatting and prone.

Heretofore machine-gun practice has been with the 6 m.m. Colt, supplied by the government. Requests this year for additional ammunition for the range practice met with reply from the navy department at Washington that the 6 m.m. had been replaced by the shipment of a new machine gun which is now in transit and expected to arrive in this city today.

The Benet-Mercier is the type of rapid fire gun now adopted by the government and in use in the Villa pursuit in Mexico.

EVIDENCE AGAINST GERMANY'S U-BOAT WARFARE IS READY

Cabinet Decides to Send Documents To Berlin Within 48 Hours—No Time Limit To Be Set, But Germany Will Be Asked To Give Positive Assurances to United States on Future Conduct of Blockade.

Washington, April 14.—After a long cabinet conference, it was announced that a communication to Germany would go forward as planned, probably within the next 48 hours. It was said the case was complete without the affidavits which arrived today on the steamer St. Paul.

Not only the Sussex, but the cases of several other ships, it was said, would be included. With the statement of facts will be a demand for evidence of Germany's good faith to make her assurances. Nothing in the nature of a time limit will be attached, it was understood.

Affidavits Arrive Here.
New York, April 14.—Guarded by

MULHOLLAND TO COME HERE TO HANDLE AMS CASE FOR MACHINISTS

Frank J. Mulholland, famed nationally as counsel for labor men and one of the attorneys who defended the Danbury Hatters in the recent boycott case has been ordered to Bridgeport as a result of the decision of Judge Gager yesterday, granting the Max Ams Machine Co. an injunction to restrain picketing by machinists.

Despite the fact that the pickets will be withdrawn today in obedience to the decision, the Ams Co. is maintaining its force of special constables, guards and a deputy sheriff at the plant and will continue to do so for a month.

The International Association of Machinists will fight the Ams Co. case. Attorney Mulholland, who makes a specialty of injunction and damage suit cases, will consult with the machinists as soon as he arrives as to ways and means of hindering the strike at the plant. He may arrive tomorrow or early next week.

It was announced today that steps

CANFIELD WOULD RESIGN POST ON GRIEVANCE BOARD

Judge Persuades Him to Remain Until Midsummer Meeting of Judges

Attorney Charles Stuart Canfield, who has been a member of the grievance committee of the Fairfield county bar for many years, tendered his resignation to Judge Webb in the superior court this morning. The news of his action came as a surprise and lawyers who had gathered from all parts of the county to attend short calendar session listened intently to the proceedings.

Attorney Canfield said he had attended to the arduous duties for a long time. It was a position which required considerable of his time and he felt that he could no longer serve. Judge Keeler of Stamford, a fellow member of the committee, arose and told the court how valuable Attorney Canfield's services had been. He asked if Attorney Canfield would not reconsider.

Judge Webb then remarked that he would not care to take the responsibility of naming a successor to Attorney Canfield. He was not well enough acquainted with conditions to take such action, he declared. The court asked Attorney Canfield if he would not continue to act on the committee until the judges of the supreme and superior courts hold their annual meeting next June. Then if he cared to resign the judges could appoint a successor. If the resignation were accepted now Judge Webb would have to make a temporary appointment. After hearing the court's remarks Attorney Canfield consented to withhold his resignation for the present.

In addition to Judge Keeler of Stamford and Attorney Canfield, Gen. Russell Frost of Norwalk is also a member of the grievance committee.

SHIP BOMB PLOT BROADENS; EIGHT SUSPECTS TAKEN

Alleged Conspirators Are Sought In Savannah and New Orleans

CHEMIST IS SOUGHT AS MAKER OF BOMBS

Ten Bombs Placed on Ships Marked for Destruction, Is Report

New York, April 14.—The scope of the investigation by the department of justice officials into the alleged conspiracy to blow up ships carrying munitions to the entente allies broadened today to include various other cities besides New York, particularly Savannah and New Orleans.

Eight arrests of Germans who are alleged to have been engaged in the manufacture and distribution of fire bombs had been made up to today and the authorities were searching for a ninth man, Dr. Walter T. Schoele, head of the New Jersey Agricultural & Chemical Co., of Hoboken, at whose place the police say the bombs were placed with explosive materials.

Evidence that the plotters were active in Savannah and New Orleans and probably other cities was said by the police to have been revealed. According to authorities who made the original arrests and now are co-operating with the federal officials a large quantity of miscellaneous papers and bankbooks were found in Schoele's apartment. Schoele left his home on April 1.

The four men were arrested yesterday on the interned German steamer Friedrich Der Grosse at Hoboken, told Assistant District Attorney Knox today. Mr. Knox said, that they had been employed on the ship making the bombs in addition to their regular work, but declared they did not know what the bombs were to be used for. The police said Carl Schmidt one of the four, admitted that 10 bombs were placed aboard each vessel which had been marked for destruction.

LONE BANDIT GETS \$3,090 FROM CLERK

New Haven, April 14.—Miss Frances I. Martin, bookkeeper of the Phlager Hardware Specialty Co. here, was held up at the entrance to the offices of the company today by an unidentified man and robbed of \$3,090, the company's payroll, which she was carrying in a large satchel. The man made his escape.

BIG PREMIUMS FROM SALES OF BRIDGE BONDS

Sidney Spitzer & Co. Awarded Sale of Issues For Two Local Bridges.

At a meeting of the Grand street and East Washington avenue bridge commissioners with Mayor Wilson, City Auditor Keating and City Treasurer Manwaring this afternoon, bids on the bridge bonds were opened and awarded.

Sidney Spitzer & Co., of New York, was the highest bidder on the bonds. On the Grand street bridge, for an issue of \$220,000, the company bid 10410.391, a premium of 9,666.20 and on the East Washington avenue bridge, 104931, a premium of \$6,410.30.

ALLEGED DIP IS HELD FOR SUPERIOR COURT.

Joseph Morris, aged 21, of New York city, arrested by Railroad Police Officer Joseph Mercier and charged with attempting a theft from the person of a passenger on a New Haven road train, was this morning bound over to the May term of the superior court by Judge Wilder in city court. Morris has no police record on probable cause was found. He was arrested a week ago tomorrow at the local railroad station. He is the fifth "dip" arrested in this city in the last two weeks.

Detachment of Mounted Outlaws Fires on Supply Train—Several Casualties Reported Among Mexicans in Battle That Ensues—No Change in Status of U. S. Expedition, Says Secretary Baker, After Cabinet Meeting—Funston Awaits Details of Battle At Parral.

General Pershing's Camp at Front, April 12, via aeroplane to Chihuahua, April 13, via El Paso Junction, April 14.—About 40 mounted men, believed to be Villa soldiers of General Trango's command, attacked last night an automobile supply train and were driven off after a short fight. There were no American casualties. One Villa bandit was killed.

Funston Awaits Parral Report

Washington, April 14.—General Funston today reported to the war department that he had received no word from General Pershing on the fight Wednesday at Parral, but that he is continuing to press forward information.

American Consul Edwards at El Paso telegraphed today his reports indicated there had been no further fighting with American troops since the affray at Parral, Wednesday night.

"NO CHANGE," SAYS BAKER.
When Secretary Baker left the cabinet meeting today he said there "was absolutely no change in the Mexican situation" and that the "status of the American troops was the same."

Secretary Baker said there had been as yet no change in General Funston's orders, but he declined to discuss questions of policy raised by the Carranza note. The border commander's hands were entirely free, he said to make any necessary disposition of the men under his command. Dispatch of troops to strengthen the supporting lines or the shifting of border forces to places best adapted to eventualities are matters of which General Funston himself is the only judge, in the war department's view.

Officials here were unable to determine today just what troops were involved in the Parral affray. The opinion prevailed, however, that it was a detachment of the 13th cavalry. An official version of the incident is anxiously awaited and may have great weight in defining the course to be pursued by the administration.

Deep anxiety was felt in official circles today over the fate of Major Tompkins and his battle force of United States cavalry, attacked in Parral, Mex., on Wednesday.

Known to be outnumbered, particularly anti-American, it was feared that the troops might be in grave danger. Lack of information from the isolated detachment intensified anxiety for their safety.

COMMUNICATION LINES TO PERSHING'S FORCE GET REINFORCEMENTS

El Paso, April 14.—More than 19,000 United States regulars are guarding the Mexican border from Brownsville today, to San Diego, Cal., while hurried troop movements southward from Columbus, N. M., show that the line of communications, reaching over 400 miles into Mexico, is being strengthened to meet any emergency. American scouts are watching Pulpito Pass, which leads from Sonora into the Casas Grandes district of Chihuahua state, for the appearance of General Gomez, commanding 2,500 Carranza infantry and cavalry. General Gomez is awaiting orders from the Mexican minister of war, General Obregon to meet in Chihuahua for the announced purpose of taking up the pursuit of Villa. In the event of trouble with the de facto government, General Gomez would be in position to strike the line of American communications at Casas Grandes.

There are unconfirmed reports that the trouble at Parral, in which a detachment of 140 American cavalrymen were attacked by Carranza men more desperate than indicated by the Mexican official advice and it lasted for three hours. One report has it that more than 100 Mexican civilians and Carranza soldiers were killed and wounded and that the American force lost one soldier killed and several wounded. The Americans are said to have used a machine gun in the battle.

The advance guard which met the unexpected attack in Parral probably has passed the Chihuahua-Durango line and now is in a district where Villa has a strong following.

From different sections of Lower Chihuahua came reports of disorders arising from economic conditions and that the de facto government is having difficulty in maintaining order.

U.S. ATTORNEY IN CONTEMPT, SAYS HOUSE PROBERS

Washington, April 14.—A House select committee today submitted a report pronouncing United States Attorney Marshall of New York guilty of contempt for criticizing a House subcommittee investigating impeachment charges against him by Representative Buchanan.

Chairman Moon informed the House that he would request no action for at least two weeks in order to give Mr. Marshall opportunity to consider it.

GERMAN U-BOATS SINK 80 ALLIED SHIPS IN MONTH

A statement issued by the German admiralty under date of April 13 says that in the month of March 80 trading vessels belonging to hostile countries with an aggregate tonnage of 207,000, have been sunk by German submarines or their mines.

Queenstown, April 14.—Capt. Charleston and 11 men of the British steamer Inverlyon were landed today and reported that this vessel had been sunk by a submarine on Tuesday afternoon. One of the members of the crew who was rescued, is an American, William Loss. Another boat from the Inverlyon, containing 11 men, is missing.

BOY IS BITTEN BY DOG WITH RABIES
Rosario Tetrone of 113 Wakeley street was bitten by a dog this afternoon, while playing at North Washington avenue and Columbia place. Dr. E. I. Aranki, substitute at the emergency hospital, declared the dog has rabies.